ATTACHMENT C Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

 (Currently Amended) An apparatus for conveying objects, for instance fruits,
said apparatus comprising- <u>:</u>
a first endless conveyor with conveying elements-such-as-diabolos connected
therete, the first endless conveyor having while a conveying position is defined between
at least two conveying elements, one of the two conveying elements being-which
downstream and the other <u>of the conveying elements being</u> upstream <u>, as</u> viewed in- the
<u>a</u> direction of travel of the <u>first endless</u> conveyor _ī , and–
a second endless conveyor, with product carriers connected thereto, comprising
gripper hands, for transferring the objects from between the conveying elements, the
second conveyor being provided in the direct proximity of the first endless conveyor
wherein, at least in the surfaces supporting the objects at the moment of transfer by at
least one single gripper hand, the conveying elements comprise grooves in a direction
perpendicular to the conveyor, and said gripper hand has fingers, while the a distance
between the fingers corresponds to-the a distance between the grooves of the
conveying elements such that upon transfer of the objects by said gripper hand, the
fingers are positioned at least partly under the objects in-the groove ends of the
grooves.

- 2. (Currently Amended) AnThe apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the conveying elements are diabolos with circumferential surfaces of which at least one half is provided with grooves, while the diabolos are further provided with guides for directing the diabolos while the guides are passed over a transfer guide and are positioned with said one half at the upper side.
- (Currently Amended) AnThe apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the grooves substantially consist of groove ends which are in one line.
- 4. (Currently Amended) An<u>The</u> apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the product carrier for a single product or object consists of two gripper hands which are moved from both sides from the groove ends inwards and, upon transfer, both support the product or object.
- (Currently Amended) An<u>The</u> apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the two
 conveyors are positioned in line, one above the other.
- (Currently Amended) An<u>The</u> apparatus according to at least claim 4, wherein the gripper hands are virtually of the same size.
- (Currently Amended) An<u>The</u> apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the gripper hands are connected to a weighing unit.

- 8. (Currently Amended) AnThe apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, further, an upward guide is provided with which at least virtually immediately after transfer of an objects by said gripper hand, this gripper hand is carried along upwards while this gripper hand and the transferred objects are positioned at at least a limited distance above the conveying elements.
- (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the conveying elements comprise diabolos.